

#3/A

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 1712207

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF:

ALFRED EDLINGER

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/AT00/00118INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE:
MAY 4, 2000FOR: METHOD FOR DISINTEGRATING SLAGS AND
DEVICE FOR CARRYING OUT SAID METHODEXAMINER: UNKNOWN
GROUP ART UNIT: UNKNOWNCommissioner for Patents
BOX PCT
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this new U.S. National Stage Application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371, of the International Application PCT/AT00/00118, Applicant respectfully submits the following Amendments and Remarks to be entered into the patent application identified above, and earnestly request that the Examiner pass this application to allowance.

AMENDMENTS:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel originally filed Claims 1 through 11.

Please add new Claims 12 through 52, renumbered herein as Claims 1 through 40. These new Claims, in clean form, are provided on the following pages.